GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Forest Department – Renewal of Mining lease for extraction of Steatite white shale and Dolomite over an extent of 4.680 Ha. In Sy. No.3001/1 of Julakalava (V), Mutchukota R.F., Singanamala Mandal, Ananthapur District & Division, in favour of M/s Bramaramba Mineral Company for a period of 10 years w.e.f. 26.04.2007 - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section. II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 88 **Dated: 30-08-2016**

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF, A.P. Hyd. Lr. Rc.No.34015/2006/F2, Dt.01-02-2013.
2. State Govt. Lr No. 811/For.I(I)/2013, Dt.15-02-2013.
3. From GoI, MoEF, F.No.4-APB 933/2013-BAN/4206, Dt.01-10-2013.
4. State Govt. Lr No.811/Sec.II(A2)/2013, Dt.07-04-2016.
5. From GoI, MoEF, F.No.4- APB 933/2013-BAN/1459, Dt.19-07-2016.

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ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in the reference 1st read above, has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for renewal of mining lease for extraction of Steatite, White Shale and Dolomite over an extent of 4.680 Ha. in Sy.No.3001/1 of Julakalva (V), Mutchukota R.F., Singanamala Mandal, Anantapur District & Division, in favour of M/s. Bramarambha Mineral Company.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the State Government have forwarded the proposals to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change in the reference 3rd read above, have accorded their approval in-principle (Stage-I) under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for renewal of mining lease for extraction of Steatite, White Shale and Dolomite over an extent of 4.680 Ha. in Sy.No.3001/1 of Julakalva (V), Mutchukota R.F., Singanamala Mandal, Anantapur District & Division for a period of 10 years, with effect from 26-4-2007, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions as stipulated therein.

4. The State Government in the letter 4th read above, have furnished compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, while according in-principle (Stage.I) approval.

5. The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, in their letter 5th read above, have accorded their approval (Stage.II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for renewal of Mining lease for extraction of Steatite white shale and Dolomite over an extent of 4.680 Ha. In Sy. No.3001/1 of Julakalava (V), Mutchukota R.F., Singanamala Mandal, Ananthapur District & Division, in favour of M/s Bramaramba Mineral Company for a period of 10 years w.e.f 26.04.2007, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

6. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord approval (Stage.II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, , Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for renewal of Mining lease for extraction of Steatite white shale and Dolomite over an extent of 4.680 Ha. in Sy. No.3001/1 of Julakalava (V), Mutchukota R.F., Singanamala Mandal, Ananthapur District & Division, in favour of M/s Bramaramba Mineral Company for a period of 10 years w.e.f 26.04.2007, subject to the following conditions:-.

1. Legal statues of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The State Government shall continue to maintain area upto 7.5 meters within the 4.680 ha of forest area diverted as safety zone all along the boundary within the lease area as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. The Penal Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 2.0 ha identified degraded forest land in Compt. No.598 of Mutchukota RF land by the State Government at the cost already been deposited by the UA under Penal Compensatory Afforestation charges.
4. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of the Central Government for change of location of penal compensatory afforestation site, if any. The State Forest Department shall furnish map with DGPS co-ordinates of Penal CA land and PCA scheme within a period of three months to the RO, Chennai.
5. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency.
6. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
7. User Agency shall obtain clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
8. The mining shall be done as per the approved mining plan and in strict compliance of all relevant acts and rules.
9. Soil conservation measures shall be taken up at the cost of User Agency.
10. The Forest area shall be used for the purpose of mining, storage of material and OB dumps only. No permanent buildings or labour sheds should be constructed in the leased area.
11. Reclamation plan shall be implemented by User Agency from the very first year of mining and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer, Andhra Pradesh and the Regional Office, Chennai.
12. The Consent of Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) shall be obtained under Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operation.
13. A comprehensive monitoring shall be done at the end of five years to study the impact of mining.
14. The Forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.
15. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.68 ha (including 0.38 ha of safety zone)
16. User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
17. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complained by the User Agency.
18. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable to penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

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